

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Peter BUDTZ et al.

Title: **ENZYMATIC PROCESS FOR OBTAINING
INCREASED YIELD OF LACTOBIONIC ACID**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed June 19 2009, Applicant elects claims 27-49, 51, and 53 (Group 1), "drawn to a process for obtaining and increasing yield and/or a reduced reaction time in enzymatic conversion of lactose to lactobionic acid." (Office Action at ¶ 1). This election is made without traverse.

The Office Action also requires a species election. In response, Applicant elects as the weak base $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$. Claims 27-30, 32-49, 51 and 53 read on the elected species. Applicant understand that the full scope of the generic claims will be examined upon allowance of the elected species.